

**Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron**  
Excom Meeting Minutes – 12/14/16  
Cottage Garden Cafe – Traverse City, Michigan

**Meeting called to order** by Cdr. Jerry Williams at 1800.

**Excom Members Present:**

Cdr. Jerry Williams, AP – Present  
Lt/C Bill Smethells, S Executive Officer – Absent  
Lt/C Janet Ward, P Administrative Officer – Absent  
P/C Dave Terrell, AP SEO - Present  
Lt/C M.R. Gillooly, S Secretary – Absent  
Lt/C Catherine Holcombe, P Treasurer – Present  
Lt. Mary Petterson, P Member at Large – Absent  
Lt. Barb Lyon, AP Member at Large – Present  
Lt. Tom Lyon, AP Member at Large – Present  
Lt. Terry Hoiles, Member at Large – Present

**Members/Guests Present:**

Lt. John Weih, P Assistant Treasurer - Present  
P/C Bill Bailey, JN Assistant Education Officer - Present

**Agenda:**

- ✓ Officers Reports
- ✓ Old Business
- ✓ New Business
- ✓ Adjourn

**Bridge Reports:**

Executive Officer – Lt/C Bill Smethells, P  
No Report

Administrative Officer – Lt/C Janet Ward, P  
No Report

Squadron Education Officer – P/C Dave Terrell, AP  
✓ 2017 Courses are listed on the USPS web site  
✓ Seaman grades have not been returned to GTBay as of this date

Treasurer – Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P  
✓ 2016 audit is scheduled for January 16, 2017  
✓ Checking Balance 17,140.13  
✓ Savings Balance 6,175.25

Secretary – M.R. Gillooly, S  
No Report

Members at Large:  
No Report

Commander – Jerry Williams, AP

- National dues increase 2017 Membership dues increase \$2.00 for single member and \$3.00 for Family memberships
- D9 dues \$5.00
- GTBay dues \$25.00
  - Single Member \$53.00 Total \$83.00
  - Family Unit \$79.50 Total 109.50
- Dates for GTBay events
  - Chicago Boat Show 01/11-14/17
  - Hard Water Rendezvous 02/28/17
  - Boat Show Grand Traverse Resort 02/25-26/17
  - Shakedown Cruise: 06/16 – 18/17
  - Fresh Water Festival 06/17/17
  - Power Island Picnic: 07/16/2017
  - Equality Cruise TBA
  - Lobster Bake: 08/18 – 20/17
- Squadron event announcements

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Increase Membership

- From Tom & Barb Lyon
  - Present those who complete a training course a voucher to attend the shakedown pizza party. The squadron has to cover their \$10.00 cost.
  - Last summer there was an entrepreneur offering float boat trips from Elk Rapids on the upper chain. We could develop some plan to entertain guests on an excursion.
  - It is hard to get people involved because their kids get priority on family time. We could develop some kid friendly activity that would draw parents to the squadron:
    - kayak/canoe racing
    - orienteering and treasure hunting
    - hot dog party/picnic
    - invitation to join the Hard Water Rendezvous
    - possibly some combination of above, I think if the right group did some brainstorming we could come up with some exciting and cost effective ideas to bring new blood to the group.
  - We also need plans on how to retain initial interest
  - Our discussion should also cover issues of current members who are basically inactive, 36 at Change of Watch just is not appropriate.
- From Bill and Pat Rottoman
  - Invite students that have completed classes to go to the Shakedown and pay the dinner cost. Have them on board for the Saturday afternoon programs and the Water Festival.
- In early spring have a picnic for all persons that have completed a class and introduce them to GTBay.

- Have GTBay members attend each class and mingle with the students and promote GTBay membership

**Meeting adjourned** A motion to adjourn was made by Cathy Holcombe at 1846; second by Dave Terrell; Motion Carried.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Cdr. Jerry Williams, AP